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1. FOLLOWING IS CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE IN EVENT
STATEMENT IS PUBLISHED ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN PARIS
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Q: HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT ON THE STATEMENT BY KLAUS
BARBIE THAT HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE OSS IN 1943
AND THIS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE DEATH OF THE
FRENCH RESISTANCE LEADER JEAN MOULIN?

A. THIS STATEMENT IS LUDICROUS. IT PROVES THE OLD
ADAGE ABOUT HITLER'S METHODS, THAT IF YOU TELL A BIG
ENOUGH LIE SOME PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE IT.

Q: IS THIS SOME KIND OF DIVERSIONARY TACTIC BY BARBIE
AND HIS COUNSEL?

A. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE LATEST EXAMPLE OF THEIR USE
OF SUCH TACTICS, NONE OF WHICH HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH
THE CHARGES AGAINST BARBIE. WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THIS
INTERNAL FRENCH JUDICIAL PROCEEDING EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT
BARBIE IS CHARGED WITH EIGHT SPECIFIC CRIMES AGAINST
HUMANITY INVOLVING THE ARREST, TORTURE, KILLING OR

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DEPORTATION OF CERTAIN FRENCH RESIDENTS. NONE OF THE CHARGES CONCERNS THE FATE OF JEAN MOULIN.

Q: DID THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND REPORT LAST AUGUST, ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN BARBIE AND ARMY COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AFTER THE WAR, ALSO INVOLVE AN INVESTIGATION OF THE WARTIME FILES OF THE OSS?

A. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SEARCHED ALL EXISTING FILES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE OSS, AND FOUND NO SUCH WARTIME CONNECTION.

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